

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR DALE BUMPERS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I have been honored to have the opportunity to hear Senator BUMPERS share his perspective on public service and his personal odyssey. His story is the story of the South—depression, hardship, tough economic times, small businesses, and the son of a shopkeeper. I, too, am the son of a storekeeper and can understand and identify the qualities that have shaped Senator BUMPERS' life.

I have had the opportunity to personally observe his service in this body for just 2 years, but in that short time I have been able to appreciate his many excellent qualities. He does indeed reflect the character of the people of Arkansas. He is part of that State; he comes from its people; and, he shares its values. As an attorney who has tried many cases, I have had the pleasure to see him work on the floor of the Senate. He is articulate, able, well prepared, logical, and persuasive. He states his case very effectively. I can just imagine him before a jury in Arkansas as he boils down complex issues to their essence and appeals to their sense of values. I can see just why people refer to him as an outstanding lawyer. Many denigrate that profession, and I have been a strong critic of some of the abuses of the legal profession, but the skills possessed by the Senator from Arkansas are those skills that make a lawyer most valuable. He cuts straight to the heart of the matter in words that are comprehensible by all.

Again, I am pleased to have served with the distinguished senior Senator from Arkansas and I wish him well in his future service. He has conducted himself with high standards and has not done anything to bring discredit on this body. He has stood courageously, alone if necessary, for the values that he believed in. There is no doubt, I say to the children and grandchildren of the distinguished Senator from Arkansas, that your father and grandfather has been an able and noble practitioner in this great deliberative body of the greatest nation in the history of the world.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 2349. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "August F. Hawkins Post Office Building."

H.R. 3055. An act to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Miccosukee Reserved Area to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3461. An act to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3888. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the protection of consumers against "slamming" by telecommunications carriers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4326. An act to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal lands located within or adjacent to the Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange other Federal lands in Oregon.

H.R. 4757. An act to designate the North/Sea Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 538. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

S. 744. An act to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of water supply system, and for other purposes.

S. 2524. An act to codify without substantive change laws related to Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations and to improve the United States Code.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2117. An act to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., non-profit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3494) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2281) to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1659. An act to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests with the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the Monument, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

H.R. 1903. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to enhance the ability of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to improve computer security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-412).

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2222

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2222, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the financial limitation on rehabilitation services under part B of the Medicare Program.

S. 2610

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], and the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2610, a bill to amend the Clean Air to repeal the grandfather status for electric utility units.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY REFORM ACT OF 1998

CHAFEE AMENDMENT NO. 3819

Mr. DEWINE (for Mr. CHAFEE) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2863) to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that act on baiting, to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitat, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, strike line 3 and insert the following:

TITLE I—MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY REFORM

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

On page 1, line 4, strike "Act" and insert "title".

On page 2, line 1, strike "sec. 2." and insert "sec. 102.".

On page 2, line 16, strike "sec. 3." and insert "sec. 103.".